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HUMAN BEINGS DYING BY HUNDREDS DAILY IN INDIA.

BY JUSTIN E. ABBOTT, OF BOMBAY.

A famine the most widespread and severe of this century now darkens the whole of western and central India, an area equal to New England, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin. Sixty million people are involved, of whom probably 10,000,000 will perish unless aided. The living skeletons are the indisputable evidence that the resources of the people are exhausted. Along the highways, in lonely



SKELETONIZED BY FAMINE.

passes, by stream beds that give no hope of water, weak and emaciated human beings are falling and dying by hundreds daily. Great numbers who reach relief camps are past help, and the very food they ravenously eat kills them. Children, orphaned or deserted, are picked up by scores as they wander. Terrible tales are told by eyewitnesses of these helpless little ones being devoured by dogs and jackals.

The cause of the famine is the failure of the monsoon rains from June to October last year. The farmers, who number 80 per cent of the population, are already impoverished by the failure of 1897. Expenditure of every kind has stopped; hence the laboring class has no work. The government is relieving the situation by gratuitously feeding the hungry, but the emaciated and the able-bodied are employed in building irrigation works, railway embankments, roads, etc., which will not pay for themselves in the future. About 100,000,000 are now in daily receipt of food from the government, but the death rate is by far the highest in the native states where the government is assisting the famine. The famine is now a flow of grain from India and other countries.



GOVERNMENT RELIEF WORK—MAKING A RESERVOIR.
Weavers and other petty artisans are supplied with work which prevents the breaking up of their homes. Industrial schools are maintained which in a few months give boys a training that makes them self supporting. It is the duty and privilege of every one to have some share in this sacred work of humanity. Money may be sent to Brown Bros. & Co., 59 Wall street, New York, treasurers of the committee of one hundred, William E. Dodge, chairman, and Dr. Leander T. Chamberlain, executive director, by whom it will be called promptly to the responsible and representative American-Indian relief committee, under the chairmanship of United States Consul William H. Fee, at Bombay, with the veteran missionary, Robert A. Hume, as executive secretary. This committee aids and co-operates with our heroic fellow citizens of all denominations in the famine districts.

The New York committee of one hundred on Indian famine relief co-operates with committees of the same name in Boston, New Haven, Baltimore, Washington, Indianapolis and other cities, each of which has charge of the work in its own section. The committee announces that, thanks to the hearty assistance of the press of the United States and the express companies, which forward gifts without charge, it has received contributions amounting to \$100,000. On receipt of a postal addressed "Committee of One Hundred, 73 Biltmore House, New York," supplies of illustrated literature are sent without charge and expressage free. The help of individuals, clubs, lodges, labor unions, employers, proprietors of hotels, churches, Sunday schools, young people's societies, King's Daughters, etc., is sought in distributing this literature and organizing relief movements. Two cents a day will save life, and \$2 will provide work for a famished person until the next harvest.

A RESERVE RECOMMENDED.

Will Embrace Quarter of a Million Acres of Land—A National Park.

THE RAILROAD INTO THE NEW TOWN.

Will Be Completed at Once.—The Depot Building Next.—Serious Accident to a Little Child.

S. J. Holzinger, special agent of the interior department, general land office, with headquarters in Tucson, returned yesterday from a month's investigating tour of the Sacramento, Capitan and White mountains of southeastern New Mexico. He was ordered to look into the advisability of creating a forest reserve on the mountains named, and in a few days will report favorably upon White and Capitan. The reserve, as he recommends it, will embrace a quarter of a million acres of forest. His report should be heard from by October.

In addition to the reserve report, Mr. Holzinger recommends the establishment of a national park of four townships, or 85,000 acres, enclosing part of White mountain and the adjacent valley. Mr. Holzinger said at the Orndorff yesterday that the valley was a natural park site, which could be greatly improved upon by the expenditure of little money. This feature of the report will have to be taken up in the shape of an act before congress.

He leaves tomorrow for western New Mexico and eastern Arizona to make another investigation.—Times.

Railroad Into New Town.

The railroad into the new town is now an assured fact, and it is in order for the croakers to quit their croaking and pull together for the advancement of the town.

Surveyor A. C. Hunt and his assistants were busily engaged yesterday and today in setting the center stakes for the extension from the end of the track at Mine No. 4 to the terminus near the new store of the Mercantile company is being erected.

There are four cars of rails now standing at the end of the track at No. 4, and several cars more are in the yards loaded with material for the extension, upon which work will begin early tomorrow morning. It is expected that the track will be completed by Saturday, and that the train of that date will be the first regular train to come over into the new town.

We were not able to learn when the depot building will be erected, but are assured that it will be begun almost immediately after the completion of the track.

Last week we stated that work on the extension would commence within ten days, and the above goes to show that our information was correct.—El Capitan.

A Serious Accident.

Dorothy Partridge, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Partridge, of this city, had her leg broken last Wednesday, while at La Luz canon, where she and her mother were visiting. The little girl was petting a horse on the nose, when the animal raised its foreleg and struck her, breaking her leg between the knee and ankle. She was brought to this city, a distance of 13 miles, and taken to the hospital, where the fracture was set, and she is now resting quietly at home, and on a fair road to recovery.

Excursion to Clonderoff.

J. F. Manning, traveling passenger agent of the White Oaks route, the scenic line to Clonderoff, the mountain resort northeast of El Paso, is in the city today. Mr. Manning says that 3,000 visitors have been to Clonderoff thus far this season, and he is expecting a big crowd from Houston and Galveston on the excursion from Houston next Sunday and Monday. The Southern Pacific has put on a round trip rate of \$15 from Houston for this occasion, which is considerably less than 1 cent per mile. Mr. Manning will go from here to Galveston.—Houston Post.

LETTER LIST.

Letters remaining uncalled for in the postoffice at Alamogordo, N. M., for the week ending, August 12, 1900:

Anderson, Thos. Olvin, Clyde
Bachelder, W. C. Winans, C. M.
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Durand, Caudillo, Wals, Mrs. Florence
Jackson, Hon. E. J.

If the above letters are not called for in two weeks they will be sent to the Dead Letter Office, Washington, D. C.

F. M. RICHMOND, P. M.

Attention, Guards.

Regular company drill will be held every Wednesday and Friday night. All members are requested to turn out for these drills.

Household Furniture For Sale.
A nice lot of nearly new furniture for sale cheaper than old second-hand furniture. Apply at News office.

New tailors. McGarry & Reiss.

THE ROUNDER'S COLUMN.

An Eddy county exchange says: "The painting of the schoolhouse has been executed." Haug that editor instant.

Some men can't take a joke, but they are not newspaper paragraphers, who generally take any joke they can lay their seissors to.

Besides seeing the sights, visitors to Clonderoff had all the joy that comes from reveling in the climate. Everybody will undoubtedly come back next year and bring his little sister.

Wonder if the two young ladies who waited patiently on the up-stairs porch until 11 p. m. to discover who the "woman in the case" might be, were sufficiently rewarded for their loss of sleep?

The young soldier bold who was scared nearly out of his wits Wednesday night whilst returning home from drill practice by an innocent little burro, should brace up on nerve tonics during times of peace lest he transfigure into a jackass "when de erbel wah comes on."

An Indian maiden from the Mesquero Agency, while in town this week, sat down on the depot platform, took off her shoes and stockings and turned the stockings wrong side out. When asked by "Fatty," the switchman, what she was doing that for, the maiden politely informed him her feet were hot and she was turning the hose on them.

AN AUGUST SUNDAY OUTING.

The boy stood in the melon patch, When all but he had fled;
And visions of a high old feast Went floating through his head.
The farmer and the shotgun came—
The boy, oh, where was he?
Go ask ye of the doctorman
Who patched his torn anatomy.

One of our local meat butchers is carrying his arm in a sling, the result of wrestling with a carving knife and one of the many tough steers that come to this market. Truly, Alamogordo beef-steaks are a caution. A person must have steel teeth and a cast-iron stomach to be anywhere in the swim. I am told that most people indulge in one steak at the breakfast hour and spend the rest of the twenty-three in dosing themselves with medicines for indigestion. "Tuff stuff," sure!

This amusing little story comes from Captain: In that nice little city of Texas and Oklahoma lives a sprightly damsel whose mouth is abnormally large. It is the custom of the maiden to sleep with a horseshoe under her pillow, imagining that it brings her luck. The other night she went to bed, with the horseshoe in its accustomed place. Before going to sleep she removed her false teeth and placed them beside the shoe. The next morning she put the horseshoe in her mouth and did not discover the mistake for two days.

A certain married man, who lives less than a thousand miles from Hotel Alamogordo, is not telling the following good story on himself: Late Sunday morning he went down to the front door to see if his laundry had been left on the porch. Robed only in a thin, high-water undershirt of the gauziest sort of fabric, he peered through the partly opened door and saw the parcel lying several feet away. After glancing up and down the street to make sure no one was in view, he stepped cautiously out on the porch and had just secured the package when up came a gentle zephyr of wind and slammed the door almost in his face.

His deadlatch key was in his trouser's pocket, so he could not open the door, but unfastening the bundle stood there, a pitiful looking sight, with the paper wrapped about him, and vigorously pulling the door bell, until his wife, thinking something was wrong with the lean man, leisurely descended the stairs and opened the door. The husband stepped inside just as a lot of churchgoers came up the street.

Be careful, Jodie, if you don't get dat ar' washin' closer to de door dar's gwine ter be trouble, and thar'll be little Brick boys or flyin' in de air.

SECOND HOMESTEAD ENTRY

A Late Order Issued From the General Land Office.

The Commissioner of the general land office recently made an order with reference to second homestead entries, as follows:

"Section 2 provides that any person who has therefore made a homestead entry and cumulated same under section 2301, Revised Statutes, and the amendments thereto, shall be entitled to the benefits of the homestead laws as though such former entry had not been made, but commutation under section 2301, Revised Statutes, shall not be allowed of an entry made under this section.

"Section 3 provides that any person who, prior to the passage of this act, has made a homestead entry, but from any cause has lost or forfeited the same, shall be entitled to the benefits of the homestead laws as though such former entry had not been made. Therefore, you will not hereafter reject a homestead application on the ground that the applicant cannot take the prescribed oath that he has not previously made such an entry, or because he has perfected a title under section 2301, Revised Statutes, to land entered under the homestead law; but he will be required to show by affidavit designating the entry formerly made by description of the land, number and date of entry, or other sufficient data, to enable me to identify the same on records of this office, and that it was forfeited or commuted, as the case may be, prior to the passage of the act."

There is one man in Alamogordo who has never visited Clonderoff, but it was not his fault that he failed to take a run up there this week. The company has issued a number of pretty advertising cards, containing all kinds of pictures, with suggestive reading matter printed alongside. The old man stumbled on to one of the most attractive of those little cardlets—a vignette of two dazzling damsels in abbreviated skirts, opposite which appeared in bold letters "Trim, shapely limbs at beautiful Clonderoff."

(Having left his spectacles at home the enthusiastic old boy failed to note that the smaller type referred to the stately pine and fir trees in the Sacramento, but placing the card in his inside pocket hurried home and straightway informed his better-half his intention of visiting the breathing spot of the Southwest on the coming morrow. The wife, with many misgivings, finally acquiesced, and

the husband and father went to bed, to dream of long ago hilarious days—when he sat in the bald-headed row below the footlights and witnessed "Black Crook"—gazed upon the ballet of trim, shapely—; but, alas! his dreams were rudely cut off and he awakened to gaze upon that more realistic, tell-tale card, (which he had mistaken as an advertisement for a rollicking vaudeville show) held triumphantly aloft in the hand of an angry spouse. The trip to the mountain resort has been postponed; the old man now wears his glasses while handling cards and cards in the railroad yards, and the Alamogordo winds chase lovingly thro' those luxuriant whiskers.

A floury tale: One of Alamogordo's popular young clerks in the grocery department of a mercantile establishment and his best girl are "at outs," and all on account of an innocent little piece of unmentionables. The young lady in question made the terrible mistake early Monday morning and has been upset over it ever since. Going to the store in a hurry after some meal from which to prepare the luscious, dyspeptic flapjack, she took what she supposed was a clean pillow-slip from a bureau drawer. She entered the store smiling like a ripe basket of La Luz peaches and handed the pillow-slip to the clerk who proceeded to fill it. The first scoopful went through on to the floor like water through a tin whistle. The young lady fairly flew out of the store without waiting for the meal or supposed pillow-slip either. The clerk faintly, but reverently laid the queer thing away, and blushing awaited the maiden's return, but she never came back!

A BEAR STORY.

The "Tularosa Democrat" Man Indulges In a Joke or Two on Bruin.

It is stated that at Clonderoff last week a young gentleman from Alamogordo, who is special advertising agent for the E. P. & N. E. Ry. Co., was relating to a number of eastern tourists, standing nearby, some of the wild western scenes he had passed through during his checkered career, and the large wild game he had brought down with his Winchester or trapped.

One of the strangers timidly asked him if he had slaughtered many bear. "Bear!" he exclaimed, as he straightened his brawny, robust figure up to its full height. "I am on my native heath, gentlemen, when you speak of bears. I have always been a very successful bear hunter. It is a pleasure for me to secure bruin's scalp, and I run no risk whatever. It is a science with me. Davy Crockett with his trusty rifle hunting this animal, falls into insignificance alongside of my plan. Now, I will explain my way of capture, and you must keep it a profound secret. My favorite method of hunting the bear is to suspend a large stone or other heavy object from a tree with a long rope. The suspended body is then smeared with honey. The bear comes along in the woods, and attracted by the honey, endeavors to remove it. In doing so he sets the weight swinging; it flies back and hits the bear, the bear strikes the weight a tremendous whack and the weight returning kills the animal, and—" That was enough; the tourists would stand no more.

"Forbearance ceases to be a virtue," said one. "Oh, forbear!" "that story is unbearable!" "it is barren of truth!" "do you use a barricade?" came from the crowd, and the agent seeing that trouble was bruin, walked off, wondering what he had said to incense his listeners.

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The First National Bank OF ALAMOGORDO.

Consolidated statement of the condition of the First National Bank of Alamogordo, N. Mex., at the close of business July 31, 1900.

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and discounts 33,119.02	Capital 25,000.00
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation 12,500.00	Undivided profits 2,711.16
Premium on U. S. Bonds 243.56	National Bank Notes outstanding 12,500.00
Bonds, Stocks, Securities, etc. 3,144.45	Deposits 87,210.72
Banking house, furniture and fixtures 2,408.10	
Cash and Exchange 43,516.75	
127,101.88	127,101.88

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